

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**DOCKET 174-00062**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

KEEL JOINT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLOATING PLATFORMS

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

NUMBER	DATE FILED
60/308,365	July 27, 2001

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
			<u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS

We hereby appoint Albert B. Kimball, Reg. No. 25,689; Ben D. Tobor, Reg. No. 27,760; James E. Bradley, Reg. No. 27,536; Kent A. Rowald, Reg. No. 34,005; Shawn Hunter, Reg. No.

36,168; Mark A. Tidwell, Reg. No. 37,456; Constance G. Rhebergen, Reg. No. 41,267 and J. Wendy Davis, Reg. No. 46,393; and to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

Please direct all correspondence to:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the publication or any patent issued thereon.

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INVENTOR'S NAME: Gary R. Stonesifer

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Brian N. Munk, Rockford D. Lyle, Jeffery K. McCarty,
Amin Radi, Joseph W. Pallini, Gilbert P. Mican,
and Gary R. Stonesifer

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other _____
Execution Date: July 29, 2002

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: ABB Vetco Gray, Inc.
Internal _____
Address: _____

Street Address: 3010 Briar Park

City: Houston State TX Zip 77042

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Yes No

4. Application Number(s) or Patent Number(s)

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is _____

A. Patent Application No. (s)

Attorney Docket No. 174-00062

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional number(s) attached Yes No

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Shawn Hunter

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JULY 29, 2002

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PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

Docket 174-00062

WHEREAS, we, **BRIAN N. MUNK**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Houston, Texas, **ROCKFORD D. LYLE**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Pinehurst, Texas, **JEFFERY K. McCARTY**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Houston, Texas, **AMIN RADI**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Nassau Bay, Texas, **JOSEPH W. PALLINI**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Tomball, Texas, **GILBERT P. MICAN**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Sealy, Texas, and **GARY R. STONESIFER**, a citizen of the United States, residing in Pasadena, Texas, have invented new and useful improvements in a

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for which application is being made for Letters Patent, said application being executed by us on the date of _____, 2002 and further being identified by Attorney's Docket No.174-00062.

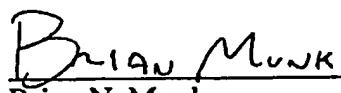
WHEREAS, **ABB VETCO GRAY INC.**, a corporation organized by the laws of the State of **DELAWARE**, and having a principal address of **3010 Briarpark, 3rd Floor, Houston, Texas 77042**, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in said application and my Letters Patent which may issue thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we hereby assign to said corporation, both in and for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, all our title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and any patent which may issue thereon, including all divisions, continuations, reissues, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof, plus all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America.

We further hereby assign and transfer to said corporation whatever cause of action we may have for past or present infringement of said invention, together with the right to bring suit for any such infringement and to seek and receive damages and other relief arising from any such infringement.

WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said corporation, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title and said invention, applications and patents, and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent to said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I execute this Assignment on the 29th day of July, 2002.

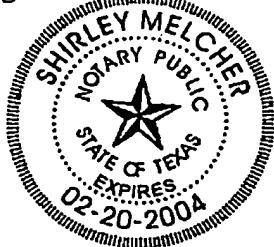


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Before me personally appeared the above-identified individual and acknowledged the foregoing assignment to be his voluntary act and deed on the 29 day of July, 2002.



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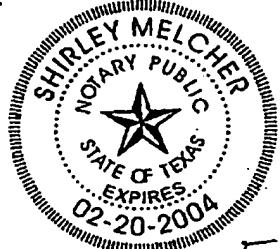
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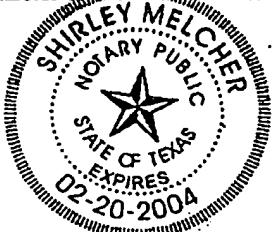
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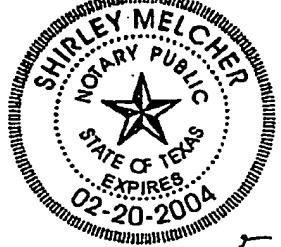
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